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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 29 December 1964

General Carter was in the Chair as Acting DCI.

Current Intelligence Briefing covered: South Vietnam, further report on the movement of 2,000 - 2,500 NVN troops into Central Laos, indications that the Sudanese are taking steps to cease supply of Congo rebels, operations of dissident Khmer Serel group against Cambodia,

The briefing concluded with a reading of poetry with an Indonesian flavor. The reader, once started, could not be stopped.

Sherman Kent observed that, if true, this affects the recent NIE which took a line to the contrary.

DDS&T reported that snow had prevented operations at the [redacted] yesterday. He also reported, in answer to General Carter's query, that [redacted] is taking pictures and proceeding normally.

Bannerman for DDS reported that Monday, and that the situation concerning favorably [redacted]

Sherman Kent reported that the BNE had discussed the "working level" paper on Communist reactions prepared yesterday, and sent to the President this morning as a part of a SVN package. The BNE okayed the paper. General Carter said it was likewise all right with him, but that he questioned the procedure. He thought DIA should be involved and asked advice as to whether USIB should meet and consider. This was the subject of a special meeting ^{with Kent and Clinton} General Carter called following the Morning Meeting. (General Carter later called General Carroll, alerted him to the paper, and sent him a copy.)

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General Carter asked that DDI prepare, for circulation, a memo on the situation in the 

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General Carter reported briefly on his session yesterday with  concerning additional funds for certain CA Staff projects.

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Executive Director noted that it will be important this year to work closely and frequently with our Congressional Committees on funding matters in order to keep them informed and to avoid cuts.

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